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Portion of Huntington State Beach Closed To Surfing, Swimming

HUNTINGTON BEACH – The Orange County Health Care Agency has ordered a portion of Huntington State Beach closed to ocean water recreation activities because of elevated bacteria level readings. The closure area runs 1,000 feet upcoast and downcoast from Magnolia Street.

The agency said the closure, which began on Tuesday, was prompted by recent and frequent elevated bacteria level readings recorded at the Magnolia Street testing site of the Orange County Sanitation District. These levels indicate the bacteria source is likely to be from a nearby sewage source.

As a result of this closure and as a precautionary measure, the Department of Parks and Recreation is voluntarily shutting down two public restroom buildings and staff restrooms in the lifeguard headquarters building. These buildings are all within the closure area. The Department will inspect these sewer lines and make any necessary and appropriate repairs.

“I want the beach users to know that this closure will only impact a small portion of the two-mile length of Huntington State Beach,” said Donald Ito, Park Superintendent. “Hopefully, by shutting down the restrooms in this area and eliminating any potential sewage sources, the Orange County Health Care Agency will be able to lift the closure in the very near future.

“Surfing and swimming is still available at Brookhurst Street, Newland Street and Beach Boulevard, as well as Huntington City Beach, the Huntington Beach Pier and Bolsa Chica State Beach” Ito noted.

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